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Amendment After Final Rejection Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 and in response to the Office Action in which the Examiner finally rejected claims 1-6, 8-10, 14-16, 33, 34, 38-42, 44, 45, 50, 51 and 53 and which was mailed on August 12, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are submitted for your consideration. These amendments and remarks are offered in order to either reduce or, at the least more clearly define, the differences between the Applicants' position and that of the Examiner.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.